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Debra Nesbitt, Residence Life Coordinator for Keller Hall, sells Sister Hazel tickets Wednesday to Arkansas State University-Beebe student Serena Russell. Nearly 2,000 tickets have been sold to the concert, which is Saturday at 8 p.m.

International students to stay with local families over break

Unable to return home for a week, some remain in homes of faculty, other community members

Philip Davis
Staff Writer

The Thanksgiving holiday is a time to celebrate both thankfulness and family, and is a much-needed break for students. While many students can go home to their families, it is different for international students.

Students from all around the world choose to attend Harding, leaving them far away from home on Thanksgiving. The chance to go home is slim because of time restraints and cost of transportation.

The university and local churches try to aid international students and those who are unable to go home by matching them with local families for the week.

"The school placed me with a family that lives about two hours away," Rita Toledo, a junior from Guatemala, said. "I've been going there for the Thanksgiving holiday since I came as a freshman."

Other students make different arrangements for each break.

"Where I go depends from year to year," Rolando Ramos, a sophomore from El Salvador, said. "I've usually stayed at different friends' houses. It's always a fun time."

Some students would rather stay with friends.

"I haven't decided yet, but I'll probably stay with my

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Rita Toledo,
junior

aunt, who lives in the States, or with some friends," Maria Galan, a sophomore from Guatemala, said.

The Office of Residence Life coordinates housing for those who need to stay in Searcy or cannot go home over a school break.

Karolyn Terrill, office of residence life secretary, said the service is offered for the convenience of the students.

Terrill said finding local hosts for those who need to stay in Searcy has been much easier since Marlea Johnson, wife of David Johnson, associate professor of finance and member at the Downtown church of Christ, started finding local volunteers through the Downtown congregation.

"This town is full of people to open their homes, especially during the holiday times," Johnson said.

Terrill said there is a need for

hosts not just in Searcy. Some students go home with those who live closer to campus.

"We're extremely grateful when any student comes forward and takes a student home," she said.

Students who can either host a student or need a place to stay over any break should visit the Office of Residence Life in Student Center 207.

Although U.S. citizens celebrate Thanksgiving, the fourth Thursday in November is a normal day for the rest of the world.

Though the Thanksgiving holiday is not usually celebrated by students from other countries, they hold the holiday in respect.

"Where I'm from, back in El Salvador, the holiday is nonexistent," Ramos said. "But I understand it — how it dates back in history and how it relates to people here in the United States."

Thanksgiving is a good theme for a holiday, even for those who did not grow up with it, Toledo said.

"Here in the States, I celebrate Thanksgiving with the family I stay with," she said. "The food is so good, and the whole event is fun. I think the idea of the holiday is really nice. I wish we could celebrate it every day — the thanksgiving part. I think it's really good to remember all of what God has done for us."

Concert headlines full HU weekend

Rock group Sister Hazel to take the Benson stage Saturday night at 8

Vicki Cupper
Staff Writer

Pop group Sister Hazel will perform in the Benson Auditorium tomorrow night at 8 as part of their national tour to promote their new album "Fortress."

Tickets are on sale in the Benson Auditorium ticket office from Noon-6 p.m. today and from 3 p.m. until show time tomorrow. Tickets are \$12 for the public, \$10 for students and faculty or free with the PASS.

More than 1,700 tickets have been sold, according to Jim Miller, director of student activities. All floor seats in front of the break are sold out, as are many seats behind the break and in the front of the balcony.

Miller said ticket sales for the show have met expectations and are around average for non-country acts.

Most fans remember Sister Hazel from their smash 1997 hit "All For You" from their sophomore album "... Somewhere More Familiar."

"I've always liked [that song]," freshman Josh Davidson said. "I can't wait for them to get here."

Junior Adam Nesbitt is also anticipating the concert.

"I'm glad that Harding is bringing them," he said. "They're a great band, and it's a good way to bring in prospective students."

Harding has made a renewed effort to attract popular non-country acts since They Might Be Giants played the Benson in 1996.

"I think Harding is getting a lot better with its level of entertainment," junior Renee Culbertson said.

After playing 300 shows in a year, Sister Hazel took a well-deserved break before starting to write and record "Fortress." The group includes Ken Block (lead vocals and acoustic guitar), Andrew Copeland (guitar and vocals), Ryan Newell (lead guitar), Jeff Beres (bass) and Mark Trojanowski (drums).

The break proved just what the doctor ordered. The 14 tracks on "Fortress" document a band that has taken their music to another level.

The album is a complete piece from the opening track, "Change Your Mind," to the gorgeous arrangement of the title track that

closes out "Fortress." Block and Copeland's vocal harmonies soar over the top of rhythmic guitar on songs such as "Out There" and "Thank You."

Their organic blend of rock with key elements of American roots music offers something for every type of music lover. The album was produced by Paul Ebersold (Stevie Ray Vaughan, 3 Doors Down) and Richie Zito (Cheap Trick).

The first single off the album, "Change Your Mind," made the Top Ten.

"I think the students are really excited," Jaren Page, Student Activities Committee co-chair, said. "It's great to have a band that's

frequently heard on the radio."

Sister Hazel began the tour June 29 when they played Janus Landing in Tampa, Fla.

Sister Hazel named their band after an African woman who ran "Sister

Hazel's Rescue Mission" in Gainesville, Fla., during the 1970s and early 80s. This facility gave those who were down on their luck a safe place to stay warm and regroup — regardless of age, race or beliefs. It is in this spirit of unconditional concern for all beings that they have chosen to use her name, group members said in a press release.

The Sister Hazel concert is probably the highlight of a busy weekend on campus; the last weekend before Thanksgiving Break.

Around 300 prospective students are on campus Thursday through Sunday as the admissions office hosts Bison Daze.

Tonight's SA movie is "The Kid," showing at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the Benson Auditorium. Tickets are \$2 or free with the PASS.

Saturday, the football team plays its final game of the season against Ouachita Baptist University. Kickoff for the Gulf South Conference contest is set for 2 p.m. at First Security Stadium.

Also this weekend, senior Kimberly Holder presents her one-act play, "Hard Candy." The show will be tonight at 7 and 9:30 and Saturday night at 7 in the Administration Building's Little Theater. Admission is \$1.50.



Universal Records

Witnessing history



Writer's Block

Sarah Terry
Editor

For one of the few times in my life, I felt like I was the lone supporter, cheering for the other team Tuesday night.

Going to a traditionally conservative school like Harding — which might as well have been converted into a Bush rally — can make a more politically liberal-minded person feel like an outcast. Being in this environment made me feel like I had gotten trapped in the middle of 4,000 Bush supporters stopped midway on their pilgrimage to Austin.

Living as a minority in this bubble of majorities makes me wonder whether people here remember there are voters who aren't Republicans. Until I came to school here, I never knew Democrat was a four-letter word.

During the course of Tuesday evening, I heard the "you can't be a Democrat and be a Christian" comment.

Of course, these were the same people who phoned their daddies for election coverage, which makes sense because most of their parents also told them who to vote for. They were the same people who were unaware which state our vice president was from after eight years as the nation's second in command.

I don't want to appear to be a political elitist, but if someone is going to walk proud as an 'informed' voter, they should actually be informed.

This is the sad fact about voting: as much as I will always defend the right and need of citizens to vote, I will never excuse ignorance.

A person should vote responsibly, only after researching the candidates and their positions, which does not mean picking up the phone for a call to daddy.

No matter who edges out with the race, the bad news of this election is there is no overwhelmingly popular choice; such a close race means plenty of disgruntled voters.

The good news is that for the first time in a long time, people have been able to see that their vote mattered. Although polls showed a tight race, no one could have imagined that such a small number of votes would determine the outcome of the race.

I hope this election has proven to voters who are coming of age that their vote really does make a difference; those who voted played a significant role in the history of this country.

Before Tuesday night, 40 years had passed since the most recent narrow election. November 7, 2000, will set records and challenge the future of the country. And no matter what our political affiliation, we will be telling future generations where we were — and how long we stayed up — 40 years from now.

Examination of various religions strengthens faith, understanding

On Nov. 3, members of my church history class, led by Dr. Paul Haynie, professor of history, visited a Jewish synagogue, a Greek Orthodox church and a Roman Catholic cathedral in Little Rock. Dr. Haynie told us the day would be "very interesting." He was right. But he neglected to tell me the day would also be one of the hardest of my semester. It was difficult, not because we sat through almost four hours of church services (on a Saturday), and not because I was stuck wearing church clothes all day (I despise panty hose), but because it was a day burdened with questions about faith.

So much of what the Jews and the Greek Orthodox and the Catholics believe mirrors my own world view. I can say along with the Jew: "Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deut. 4:6). I can agree with Father Nicholas that water baptism is important. I can even believe in "one holy catholic and apostolic church" — the one God sees.

But what am I to do with our differences? What about the Catholics' prayers to the Virgin Mary? What about the kisses Orthodox believers trail across their icons' faces? And what, O God, what, am I to do with the Jewish man who, when asked what he thinks of the Christ, the Messiah, the Prince of Peace, the Lamb of God, my Jesus, said, "I don't think of him at all?"

Yes, it was a hard day. The thing is, all of these people are — just like me — trying to reach God. They are sincere. Sitting in their places of worship, listening to their hearts tell their brains tell their tongues to sing out praise to God — all this made me think of pay phones. Dead ones. I want to know where the prayers of non-Christians go. Without Christ to mediate, without the inexpressible groans of the Holy Spirit, what does God hear from their souls? Are these people babbling into a dial tone? If they are, it's one of the most depressing things I've thought up lately. And it makes me think ... O God, please don't ever be a dial tone to me.

Dr. Haynie gave me a day full of questions. Perhaps he would have liked my brain to be filled with questions about church history: What is the difference between the Pope and the Patriarch? Why does the synagogue in Little Rock face east? But when I heard those words, "I don't think of him at all," church history was lost to me and I could think only of the present — of the status of all of our souls before the



Guest Room

Erica Lee

Father on this very day. Does God hear every prayer addressed to Him? Does He answer every prayer addressed to Him? Does He bend near to the earth to glory in all worship given to Him? Does He watch all of us who call on the name Yahweh with the same wonder that an 8-year-old boy eyeballs an ant farm?

For, whatever our differences, I need God's grace as much as Jews, Orthodox believers and Catholics do. I need for Him to hear and answer my prayers. I bow my head to tug His ear in my direction. I long for His gaze to turn in wonder at my antics. But if not for the grace of God, we would all be lost.

Perhaps I have come to a threshold of deeper faith. Like the disciples in John 6, I am caught saying, "This is hard teaching. Who can accept it?" They questioned how we can feed off Jesus' flesh and blood. I question the truth that narrow is

"the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matt. 7:14). O God, why do I see a tightrope to you instead of the Highway of Holiness Isaiah spoke of?

Perhaps it has something to do with God's desire for me to feel the urgency of the Great Commission. Because I do feel it now. Christ isn't saying from far off, "Go ye, therefore ..." He's down on His knees, nail-scarred hands cupping my face, the world's tears running down His cheeks, and He's saying, "Come on. Come on. Come on."

Yes, the day of the field trip was hard because their sincerity pokes at mine like a scalpel prodding a tumored organ. You may know that Jewish, Catholic and Or-

thodox services are based on liturgies — set orders of worship. The priests read prescribed portions of scripture to the congregants, who respond with prescribed prayers. Annie Dillard describes the scene in her essay "Holy the Firm," saying:

"The higher Christian churches ... come at God with an unwarranted air of professionalism, with authority and pomp, as though they knew what they were doing, as though people in themselves were an appropriate set of creatures to have dealings with God. I often think of the set pieces of liturgy as certain words that people have successfully addressed to God without their getting killed. In the high churches they saunter through the liturgy like Mohawks along a strand of scaffolding who have long since forgotten their danger."

Whatever their pomp, they are sincere. What of us? I know the churches of Christ claim no liturgies. But on this campus, I've heard us joke often enough about our "three songs and a prayer." And I've seen us in chapel switch from "Go, Bisons, go!"

to "Our Father, who art in heaven," in less than a split-second. If we are ever tempted to come to worship with the attitude of the Mohawk, we should remember what a friend told me about the temple worship of the Old Testament priest. The high priest,

in preparation to come before the glory of the Lord, would go through intense ritual bathing; he would sacrifice animals and bear the blood; he would fill the Holy of Holies with smoke; and then he would crawl in on his hands and knees, a rope attached to his ankle in case he died in there and had to be pulled out. He did this because he knew that if he saw God, "his face would melt off." May we be humble priests in God's presence, rather than Mohawks twirling to our deaths.

And may you, if you are needing an "interesting" day to pull you to a deeper faith, ask me for the directions to these houses of worship in Little Rock. I'll be glad to give them to you.

Whatever our differences, I need God's grace as much as Jews, Orthodox believers and Catholics do.

Speak out: Where is your favorite place to relax?



"I like going to B-rock because there is [usually] nobody out there, and it's quiet."
Meredith Brandon, freshman



"I like to go to Midnight Oil because it has really good lighting."
Katie Stone, sophomore



"I like to go to Hastings to relax because I love to listen to the music selection there."
Latonya Brown, junior



"I go to the skate park because, not only do I like to skate, but I also enjoy reaching out to the younger kids."
Bert Jobe, senior

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Campus television station revamps lineup with two new student-produced programs

Carrie Guild
Staff Writer

TV-16 viewers are used to seeing "Live at Five," the nightly student-run news program at 5 p.m. each evening.

They are probably also accustomed to seeing a variety of other programming during the evenings, such as chapel replays, athletic events and religious programming.

Starting this week, however, TV-16 viewers will see more original programming on TV-16. At least two new student-produced shows are going on the air this fall.

"We would love for anyone who is interested in doing a show to talk with us," Dr. Mike James, chairman of the communication department, said.

"Especially those students in the communication department because it would help them develop the skills they need in producing, directing, editing and acting."

While other programs are in the planning stages, two shows have already started production and have taped pilot episodes which will air later this month on the university channel.

The first program, "Our View," is led by four students — sophomore Sandra Kirk, senior Whitney Leach and freshmen Elyse McKenna and Emily Wade.

The show, which is scheduled to premiere Monday, will focus on informing students of major news events in a way they can understand, using people that they see everyday on campus.

"[College students want to] get the news through a more relaxed, comfortable atmosphere," McKenna said.

They hope to have special



Ashlee Johnson/Petit Jean



Ashlee Johnson/Petit Jean

Cast members of "Our View" rehearse before a recent taping. The members of the cast are senior Whitney Leach, (left) freshmen Emily Wade and Elyse McKenna and sophomore Sandra Kirk. The show, which is scheduled to premiere Monday, will focus on informing students of major news events and also will include a variety of topics, like fashion, entertainment, recipes, sports, health and fitness and a weekly "Who's Who at HU?" interview. A second show, designed to help students learn to cook, will also be airing soon.

segments every week that focus on a variety of topics like fashion, entertainment, recipes, sports, health and fitness and a weekly "Who's Who at HU?" interview.

The program is modeled after a daytime talk show format. "The View" is our [McKenna and Leach's] favorite show," McKenna said. "Even when I was at school last year, my mom taped it for me. We're modeling our show after that."

The pilot is tentatively set to air Monday at 3:30 and 10:30 p.m. on TV-16.

Organizers envision a weekly program first broadcast each Monday and, possibly, throughout the week.

It's been kind of hectic with four different girls with four different schedules. It's been a really awesome learning experience for all of us, though.

Elyse McKenna,
freshman

"Our View" has been in the planning stage all semester, but the hard work needed to produce a show has delayed the premiere, McKenna said.

"It's been kind of hectic with four different girls with four different schedules," she said. "It's been a really awesome learning experience for all of us, though."

Another new program is being produced by senior youth and family ministry major Rob Guild.

The show is designed for Harding students who have the facilities to prepare food in the dorms, but have not yet developed a talent for cooking.

Guild said the show will teach students how to prepare

easy, delicious and cheap meals.

"I want this show to be useful for anyone watching, but I want it to really focus on the guys here at Harding," he said. "Many of the guys have been accused of lacking creativity when it comes to dating."

"I know many ladies who don't want to just 'see a movie,' but would rather do something more personal. In this show, I want to help provide a spark of an idea to help guys eat better personally and assist them socially as well."

The first episode of Guild's program is set to air this Thursday.

It will feature an appetizer, main dish, dessert and a 'date idea of the week.'

Correction

In the Nov. 3 issue of *The Bison* it was incorrectly reported that the business office hopes to have online class selection available in the spring 2002 semester. The story should have read that the business office hopes to have online financial registration by spring 2002. *The Bison* regrets the error.

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OEGE, King's Men work together to save lives

Long-time service project supplies local Red Cross with much-needed blood supply

Kira Leigh
Staff Writer

Around 450 units of blood are needed each day to service hospital patients across the American Red Cross' Greater Ozarks/Arkansas Region (Arkansas, Southwest Missouri and the Mid-South). Part of that need is met by regular blood drives like the one being hosted by OEGE and King's Men social clubs Nov. 13, 14 and 16 in the Hammon Room on the second floor of the student center.

"We have King's Men and OEGE members walking around talking and comforting you as you are giving blood," sophomore Brian Davis, King's Men service project director, said. "If you need a drink or something to eat while you are giving, they are more than happy to get it for you and bring it to you."

OEGE and King's Men have

set a goal to collect 175 pints of blood during the drive.

The last drive in September gathered 173, but 85 others were turned away because they did not meet requirements.

"The primary goal, though, is to make students and faculty aware of the need for blood throughout the state of Arkansas," Davis said.

Statistics from the Red Cross state that every 17 minutes a person in the Greater Ozarks/Arkansas Region needs blood. One pint can save up to three people. Each unit of blood goes through 11 different

tests after collection to assure its safety and compatibility with the recipient. Requirements for blood donors demand that they be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

A person may donate every 56 days. It takes about an hour to an hour and a half (depending on

the wait) to donate blood, which includes registration, the health check and refreshments. For each donor, the nurses use clean gloves and a sterilized needle, which are promptly disposed of.

When a donor arrives, he starts by filling out a simple form. The form includes identifying information and asks a series of questions to determine if the donor is qualified to donate.

Certain behaviors or conditions bar some people from donating. After that, a nurse conducts a health check.

During the health check, the nurses interview each donor about his health status. Then they check the blood donor's temperature, iron levels and blood pressure. If everything is OK, the donor waits for an open bed.

A Harding student gives blood at the King's Men and OEGE blood drive in September. The two clubs will sponsor another drive starting Monday in Student Center 236.

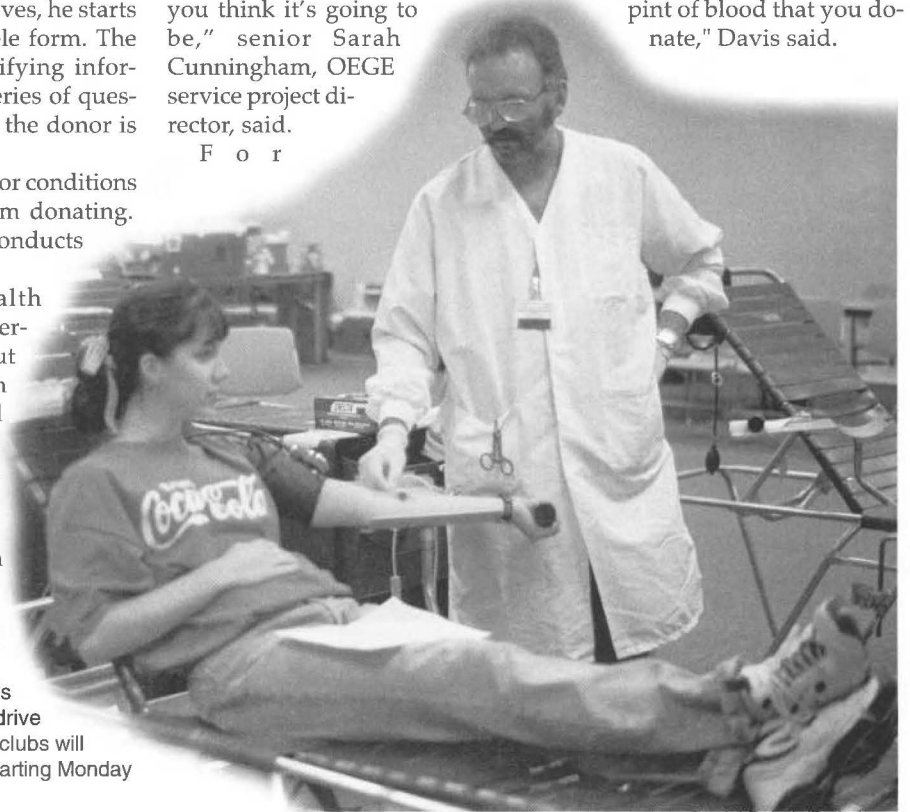
After the blood is drawn, donors get cookies and a drink to replenish their sugar. Most donors feel well enough to leave within 10 minutes.

"It's never as bad as you think it's going to be," senior Sarah Cunningham, OEGE service project director, said.

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many people, giving blood is a gratifying chance to save lives.

"It is so much fun to give blood because you know that you are being given the opportunity to save three lives with your one pint of blood that you donate," Davis said.



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Faces in the Crowd

Young couples enter parenthood

Pregnancies provide married students with crash course in family matters

Editor's Note: This is the seventh in a continuing series featuring unique members of the Harding community.

Erin Broussard
Staff Writer

Each November, papers are beckoned, assignments are rushed and projects are finalized. For many students, it is hard to imagine any more to an already hectic schedule, especially adding the care of a baby.

Both senior Jamie Williamson and junior Amy VanBuskirk will soon face that challenge.

Jamie and Eric Williamson are expecting Andrew Christian Williamson in two weeks. To prepare for the baby, Williamson has reduced her schedule to two classes this semester. Williamson said her pregnancy is a blessing.

"A lot of people may think this is a bad situation because of the timing," she said. "[However,] we have been really blessed. For us, there was no better time. People at Harding are so willing to help us out."

Williamson, an elementary education major, will go to school part time next semester and will graduate next fall. Since she's been pregnant, she said her perspective on life has changed.

"Having a baby gives us a push in our spiritual lives," she said. "We have to be firm in our beliefs so we can teach Christ to our child. That's been the biggest change."

Amy and Luke VanBuskirk should be holding their overdue little boy, Aaron, any day now. The VanBuskirks have been married for about a year and the pregnancy was a shock.

"I'm excited now," VanBuskirk said. "I can't imagine not staying home and taking care of him."

This new life has changed Amy's outlook on school.

"School is not nearly as important as it was before," she said. "I would not have a problem dropping out if my baby needed me. It's a big change."

VanBuskirk goes to school for three hours a day and will probably graduate in three years with a degree in social work.

She says her main priority is spending time with her baby.

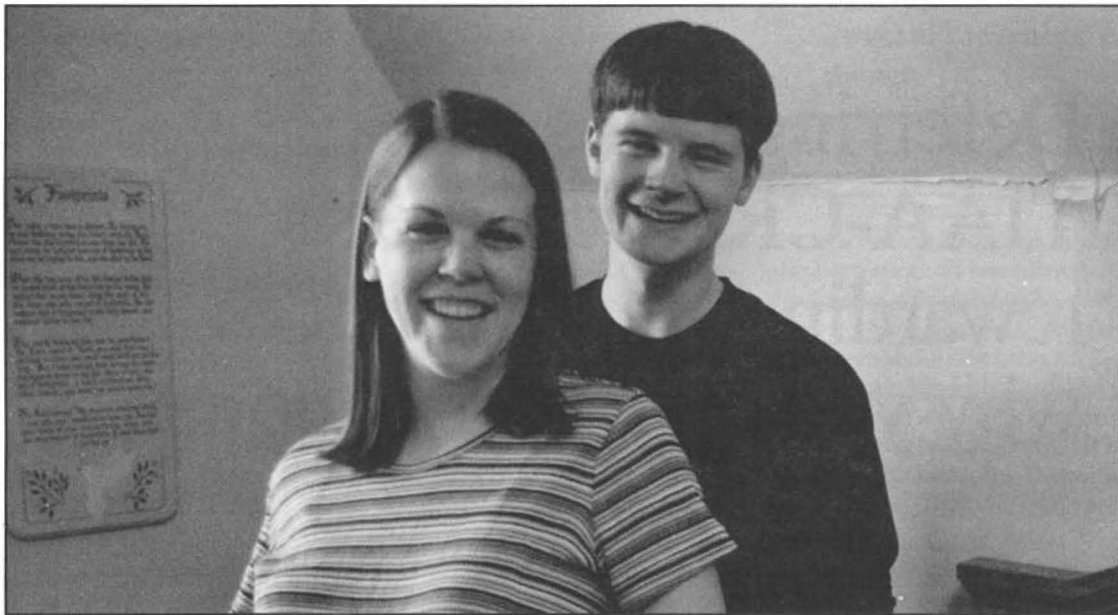
"[I'm concentrating on] getting a house and keeping up with that and my husband," she said. "I was working at the hospital, but quit so I could stay home."

VanBuskirk's friendships have also changed.

"All the people about to have babies group together," she said. "I know more pregnant people now than I ever did."

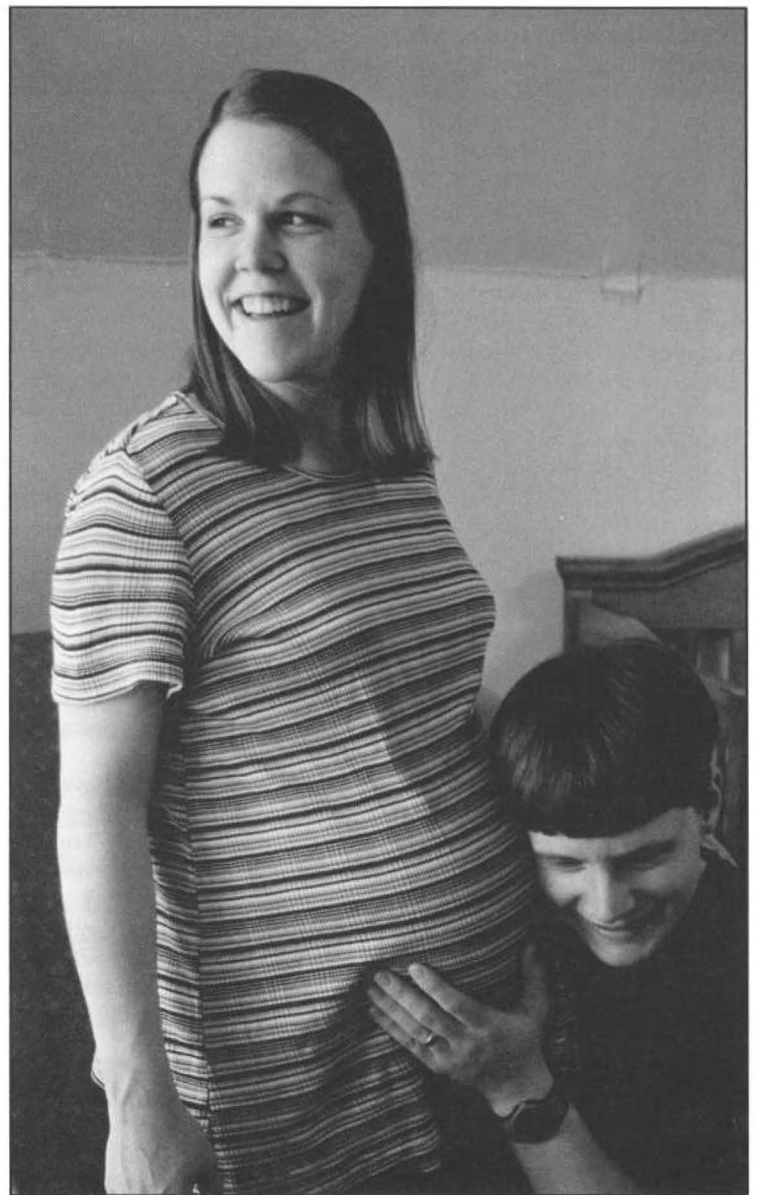
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Jamie Williamson



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Harding students Jamie and Eric Williamson said a priority for them will be to raise their new child in the ways of the Lord.



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Harding students Jamie and Eric Williamson prepare for the upcoming arrival of their son, Andrew Christian. To get ready for the new baby, Jamie has scaled back her course schedule.

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New restaurant combines fine dining, local history

Katie Tool
Staff Writer

Searcy has a new restaurant and it's not just another chain establishment moving into town.

Restaurant at the Mayfair opened Wednesday on the downtown square in Searcy.

Mike and Beth Mauney, who currently live in Ward but will move to Searcy soon, renovated a part of the former Mayfair Hotel into a new restaurant.

The Mayfair Hotel was built in the 1920s and was reputed for its elegant accommodations and delicious meals.

In the past, the hotel was used for banquets, receptions, college reunions, private parties and gala functions of Galloway Women's College, which later became Harding College.

The hotel was quite well-known in its heyday. The most famous person to spend an evening at the Mayfair was Hall of Fame outfielder Ty Cobb.

"I think that the architecture is a classic style and I wanted to convey that with the decor," Beth Mauney said.

"I've always wanted to open a restaurant. I fell in love with the building and I love Searcy."

Restaurant at the Mayfair serves both lunch and dinner. The menu includes specialized foods like cheese soup and gourmet desserts. They also have a special shrimp and scallop pasta.

The menu has hot and cold sandwiches, a soup of the day,

We would love to have students come. There's something on the menu everyone can afford.

Beth Mauney,
co-owner

prime rib, hot tamales, pastas, salmon, swordfish, gourmet salads and other items.

Notable beverage options include flavored tea and a full line of flavored coffees, including mocha, cappuccino and latte.

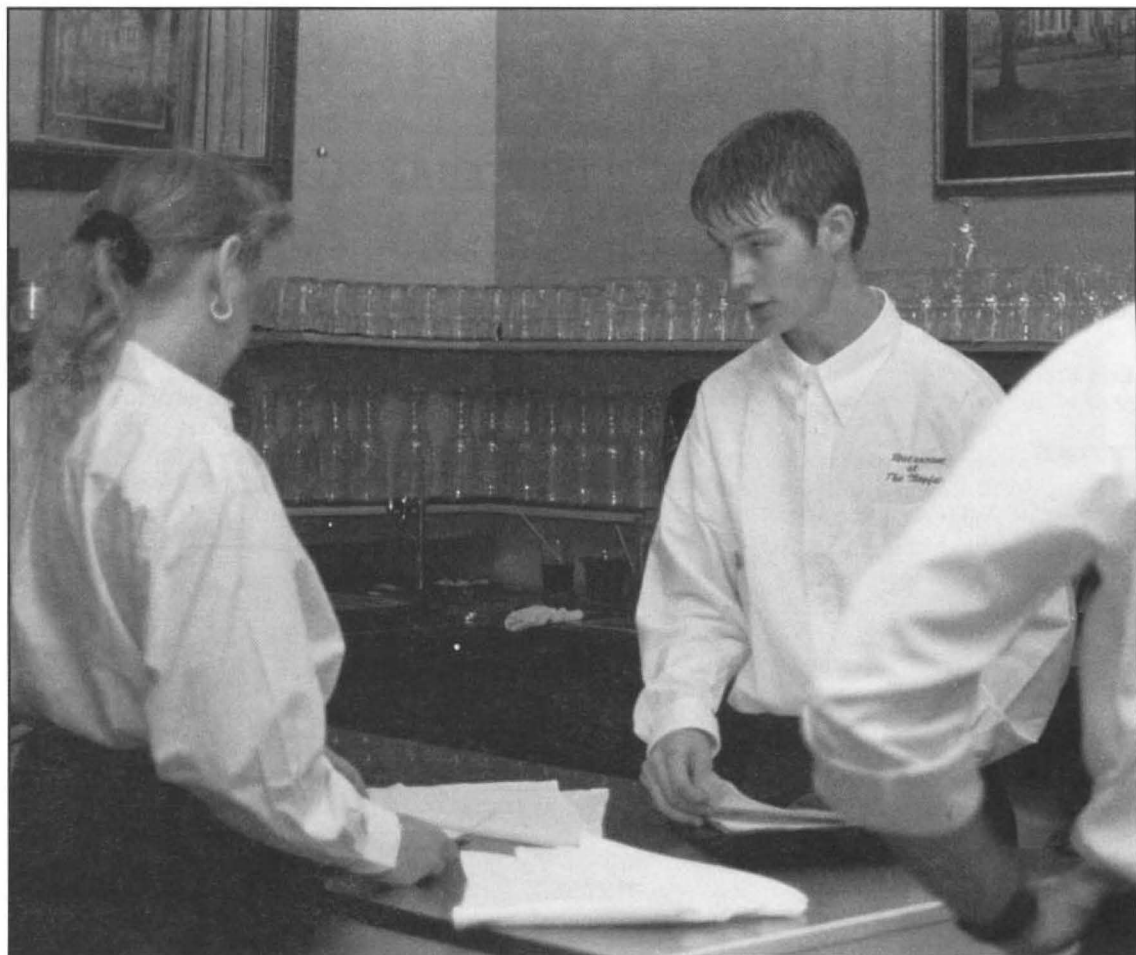
Dessert lovers will find offerings like raspberry tuxedo cake, gourmet cheesecakes and chocolate decadence cake.

The restaurant has a private room which can be reserved for business and special occasions.

Beth Mauney said the prices are reasonable for a nice dinner date or a special occasion. Dinner prices range from \$7.95 up to \$19.95 for prime rib. Lunch sandwiches run from \$3.95 to \$5.95, with a daily lunch special for \$4.95.

"We would love to have students come," Beth Mauney said. "It's not overpriced. There's something on the menu everyone can afford."

Restaurant at the Mayfair is open for lunch Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-2 p.m. It is open for dinner Wednesday-Saturday 5-9 p.m.



Lauren Brubaker/The Bison

Patti Sherral and Bill Bulice prepare for work during Restaurant at the Mayfair's opening day Wednesday. The establishment's location on the downtown square has a long history of fine dining.



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Tables sit ready for Restaurant at the Mayfair diners Wednesday. The Mayfair is open six days per week for lunch and Wednesday-Saturday for dinner.

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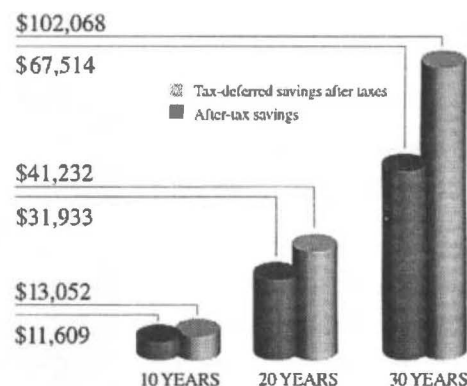
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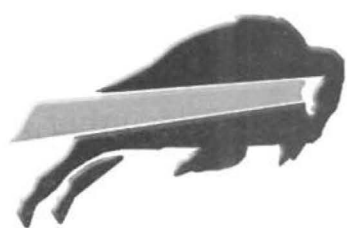
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HU basketball teams ready for rowdy season at Rhodes

Shannon Powell
Staff Writer

With Harding's fall sports teams winding their seasons to a close, the men's and women's basketball teams have been preparing for a challenging season in the Gulf South Conference.

Both teams will start their seasons with tournaments Nov. 17-18. While the men are playing in the UCA Classic in Conway, the women will be playing in the Lyon College Classic in Batesville.

Men's head coach Jeff Morgan said the men will face a challenge this season, their first in the GSC. The Bisons will be part of the nine-team West Division.

"This is a very athletic conference with a lot of dominant teams, very similar to the Lone Star Conference we were in last year," Morgan said. "Henderson State has won it [the division title] the last two years. They had another good recruiting class, so they will be tough. Delta State also had a good class and are picked second in the coaches' poll." Harding was picked to finish fifth in the coaches' poll, but as high as third by some coaches.

"This is a very athletic conference with very physical teams which are well disciplined as well as well coached," Morgan said.

Morgan is pleased with the new conference for other reasons as well.

"Travel is much better," he

said. "Every other game is a home game and all but one conference game is on a Monday or Thursday. That lets more fans come out to support the team."

Morgan said the Bisons have another advantage at home — the Rhodes Rowdies.

"The crowd is a very important part of our game," he said. "Most other schools do not have as big of a following, so they are going to really envy ours. And with our style ball we know it will be enjoyable to watch."

As in the past, the Bisons plan to keep the ball moving by playing a man-to-man game.

"We want to create a lot of turnovers keep things fast paced," Morgan said. "We are deeper on defense this year and that will help on both sides of the ball. Our point guards, [sophomore] Aaron Farley and [freshman] Darren McCrillis are very physical and get after it real hard. Our centers are similar to most others in this division. We have players who are 6'5" to 6'10" who have a pretty good nose for the ball for rebounding and have honed their scoring skills."

While the men's team is hoping speed brings an advantage to their game, the women are counting on experience.

"We have several players returning this year who have gotten better since last year," women's head coach Brad Francis said. "Also, we have some young players who are looking good."

Like the men, Francis says the Lady Bisons face a tough division in the GSC West.

"Arkansas Tech and Delta State are far and away the better teams to watch out for," he said. "Arkansas Tech is picked to win it, but Delta State is really good."

The Lady Bisons sit eighth in the GSC coaches pre-season poll, but hope that their aggressive style of play will help them move near the front.

"We are going to play a full court man [-to-man] that helps us get our tempo up and keep the game moving," Francis said. "As soon as the new class gets a feel for the style of play, they will help out our depth."

The schedule for the Lady Bisons is not as kind as the men's, with six (mostly road) games before Christmas and then three in Florida after the holiday.

"[We might be] eight and one or we might be two and seven," Francis said. "But these are games we feel we have a pretty good chance of winning. There are going to be a lot of close games in this conference, so we must be competitive every night and be in every game."

In the UCA Classic, the men play East Central Oklahoma University Friday and Arkansas Baptist Saturday. Both games start at 6 p.m. The women play in the Lyon Classic, taking on host Lyon College at 8 p.m. Friday and Freed-Hardeman University at 2 p.m. Saturday.



Daniel Dubois/Petit Jean

Senior Danny Jeune showcases his dunking skills at this year's annual Midnight Madness in the Rhodes Field House. Jeune and the Bisons hope to use size to their advantage this year, but also count on a strong fan showing to help retain their heavy home advantage at the Rhodes.

Soccer teams wrap up tough year

Seasons of learning for young women, younger men

Carrie Guild
Staff Writer

Soccer season is over for the Bisons and the Lady Bisons.

The men's soccer team ended their first year while the Lady Bisons finished up their third year.

With an overall record of 5-11 and a 1-6 Gulf South Conference mark, the Bisons showed some promise for next year.

The Lady Bisons ended the season with the best record of their three-year history with a 10-7-1 overall record and a 4-4 GSC finish.

"This was our first year in the Gulf South Conference, and I feel that we did well," Lady Bisons coach Terry Edwards said.

Although the difficulty of the conference took its toll on the Bison and Lady Bison teams, both are still hopeful for next year.

One advantage that both teams have had this year is the growing

interest in soccer on campus.

"Attendance has topped 300 per game, making soccer the third most popular sport here on campus," Edwards said.

While student attendance has indeed helped boost the morale of the team, Edwards also credits their closeness to each other.

"I think that the sense of unity has really helped us this year," he said. "Traveling up to 800 miles per game gives us lots of time to get to know each other. This is a great bunch of girls to travel with and I am honored to be associated with Harding athletics."

Edwards also believes his returning players gave strength.

"We had a strong incoming freshman class that really helped, but we couldn't have done it without our second year girls. Next year we will have a great advantage because we will have girls who have been on the team for two or three years. I am excited

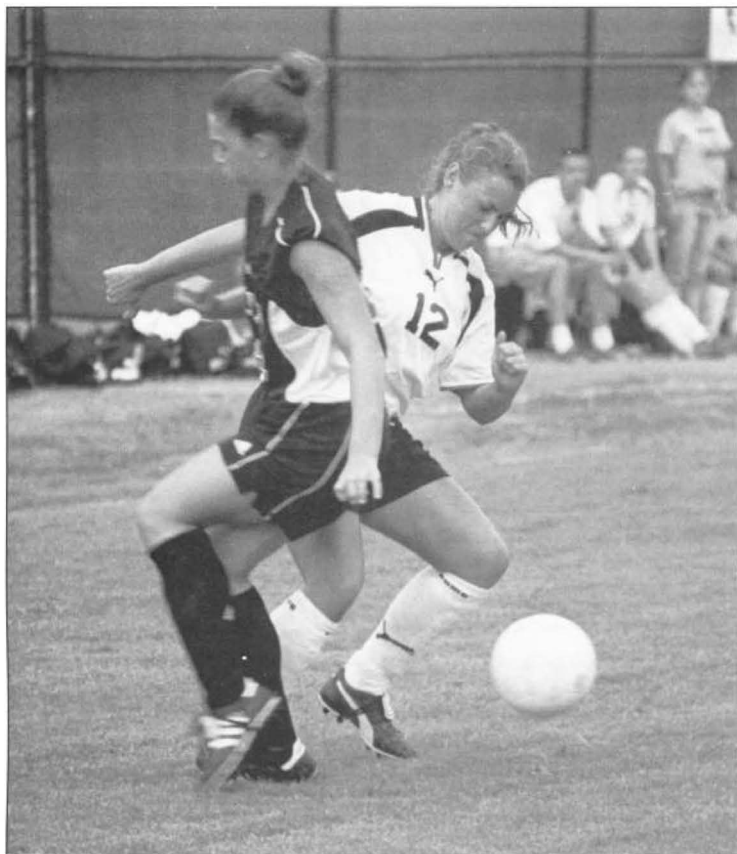
about it. It is going to be a great year for us."

Both teams posted some impressive numbers during the season, with obvious offensive leaders stepping up.

Freshman Luke Boren led the Bisons early on with 10 goals in his first five games, but left the team due to philosophical differences with head coach Franco Zengaro. Freshman Zach Dameron then led the team, scoring six goals on the season. Freshman Mitch Jones had six assists.

The Lady Bison team was led by senior Andrea Richmond and freshman Courtney Saul, who both scored nine goals this season, and junior Heather Gray, who scored six goals and contributed 10 assists.

While their records were typical of those of young programs, both the Bisons and Lady Bisons hope to build on their successes next season.



Daniel Dubois/Petit Jean

Junior forward Lauren Hensley fights to get the ball away from her opponent during a home match earlier this season. With Hensley's help, the Lady Bisons were able to improve this year on their 1999 record.

Gulf South Conference Final Standings Men's & Women's Soccer

Men's Standings

1. West Florida	12-7-0
2. Christian Brothers	16-4-0
3. Alabama-Huntsville	8-9-0
4. Montevallo	11-9-0
5. Lincoln Memorial	5-10-2
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7. Harding	5-11-0

Women's Standings

1. Christian Brothers	17-3-0
2. Montevallo	12-7-0
3. West Florida	12-7-1
4. Alabama-Huntsville	10-7-0
5. Lincoln Memorial	8-11-0
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7. Harding	10-7-1

Bush-Gore turns into Super Bowl of democracy



Round & Round

Jeff McKeand
Sports Editor

Somewhere around 10:30 p.m. CST on Tuesday night, flicking between CNN, ABC, FOX and all the other TV news organizations, it became very apparent.

All I needed was a few pizzas, chips, several bottles of Coke and some game-time buddies.

This election thing was getting good.

Who could've known that a presidential election, normally ranking somewhere around a Clippers-Nets game on the excitement scale, would be like this one? Sure, everybody was telling

us that this was going to be one tight race. But everybody expects tight Super Bowls, too, and what are we – about two or three out of XXXIV?

This one, though, was just as advertised, right from the start.

Florida was the political football of the night, bouncing around wildly like ... well, like some politico on the eve of the election. Vice President Al Gore tried to pick up the Sunshine State and run downfield with it, but couldn't get the handle on it. George W. Bush tried to fall on it, but it slipped away.

And then, at a little past 1 a.m., CNN (and others) called the state – and, thus, the whole shooting match – for Bush, the Texas governor. The town of Austin erupted like the Longhorns had just moved into the No. 1 spot in the BCS rankings.

But then – wait a second! – don't head to bed just yet. The news organizations did a turnaround. Florida was too close to call. The presidential race was too close. There was controversy. There was intrigue.

It was over. It wasn't over. No one knew.

All the while, of course, the political experts sweating away on the TV tube fell all over each other trying to explain what was going on. And the way they did it was something any sports fan could understand.

Was that really someone using a telestrator on a political map?

Sure was.

And that box in the top corner of the screen with a running tally of the electoral votes? It looked like it was ripped off a Monday Night Football broadcast, with

the "Fins" and "Jets" removed.

It wasn't hard to see images in my head of Marv Albert, Al Michaels, Jack Buck or John Madden up there in Election Central. In fact, given the botch job some of these "experts" did in calling this, the mother of all presidential elections, Dennis Miller would've been pretty much right at home.

MADDEN:

"Man, Gore is eating up the Northeast. But Bush is mowing down the Midwest. This is smash-mouth politics, Dennis. Bam!"

MILLER: "Yeah, Cha Cha, this thing is turning out

tighter than Cher's latest facelift."

ALBERT: "Ohhhh, a technical foul on the bearded one."

Politics and sports always have had a strange, synergetic relationship.

You've heard of Jesse Ventura, right? Of course, this particular

example is only useful if you're one of those boneheads who thinks professional wrestling is a sport.

Tom Osborne, the former Nebraska coach, is now a U.S. congressman, joining former Oklahoma quarterback J.C. Watts and former NFL wideout Steve Largent.

Former NBA great Bill Bradley made a great run through the Senate and ran a very competitive campaign against Al Gore in the Democratic primaries.

George Bush – with the H. W. – played collegiate baseball. George Bush – with the W. – used to own baseball's Texas Rangers.

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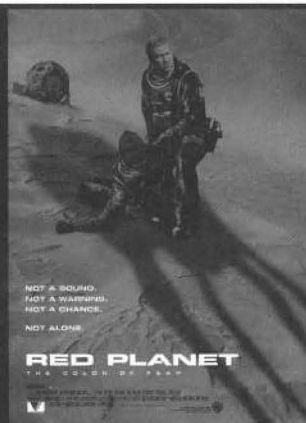
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